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TITLE: SIPHON FOR SINK OR SIMILAR ELEMENT

Amendment A: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 - 8 (canceled by an earlier amendment). Claims 9 - 13 (canceled herein). Please cancel Claims 9 - 13 and substitute Claims 14 - 16 therefor as follows:

14. (new) A water trap for a sink comprising:

an upper portion;

a lower portion pivotally connected to said upper portion;

a linking means positioned between said upper portion and said lower portion, said linking means for centering said upper portion with respect to said lower portion;

a sealing joint in sealing relation to said upper and lower portion, said linking means comprising:

at least one hinge connected to said lower portion so as to allow said lower portion to pivot around an axis of the hinge, the hinge being dismantleable so as to separate said lower portion from said upper portion; and

a locking means mounted to one of said upper portion and said lower portion for locking said upper portion to said lower portion, said locking means formed of a clip, said locking means for compressing said sealing joint when said upper portion is engaged with said lower portion, said upper portion and said lower portion being forced together by snapping said locking means, said locking means comprising:

a base connected to one of said upper and lower portions; and
a stud extending outwardly of the other of said upper and lower
portion, said clip having a locking element, said clip being pivotally mounted to said base such that
said locking element is cooperative with said stud.

15. (new) The water trap of Claim 14, said clip and said hinge being formed of a
polymeric material.

16. (new) The water trap of Claim 14, said upper portion having a rim at a bottom
thereof, said lower portion having a rim at a top thereof, one of the rims being engaged within the
other of the rims so as to center said upper portion with respect to said lower portion.